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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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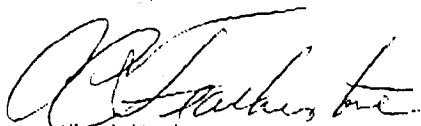
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you this brief note to encourage you to help end the Microsoft antitrust case. This nearly four-year-old case has drained Microsoft and the government of millions of dollars. It has been the subject of controversy and litigation to no one's discernable benefit. It has had a debilitating affect on Microsoft, the entire IT industry and the national economy at a time when we can least afford it. It is time to resolve this matter.

At present, the major parties and the majority of complainant states have reached a tentative settlement agreement. The agreement allows Microsoft to retain its present corporate structure in return for committing itself to a radical change in its market philosophy and practices. Microsoft will now actively encourage "competition" by reconfiguring its Windows platforms to readily accept and even promote non Microsoft software. The company will now no longer require exclusive Windows software tie in agreements of computer manufacturers to whom they license their basic platforms. These and other concessions prove the sincerity of Microsoft's commitment to anchoring its intimidating market dominance.

Microsoft is a great, inventive and productive player in our economy and its own industry. We need Microsoft up and running full time. Please support this settlement.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum